

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1097
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Patrick Finn of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William Patrick Finn, a World War II and Korean War veteran, businessman, and exemplary public servant in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, William Patrick Finn was a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, as a founding partner of Finn and Rose Certified Public Accountants of Knoxville and Oak Ridge, Mr. Finn earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, William Patrick Finn was born in New York City in 1922, the son of William P. and Mary Finn, who had come to America from Ireland; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot and member of America's "Greatest Generation," Mr. Finn was a commissioned United States Army officer and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, while stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, William Patrick Finn met his wife, Rebecca, a resident of Dover, Tennessee, while spending some time away from the military base; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, Mr. Finn became an ardent supporter of the Atlanta Braves after moving to the South, and he also became a University of Tennessee Volunteers fan, holding season football tickets for decades and supporting the team with his cheers and other means of support; hence, Mr. Finn was a Tennessean through and through; and

WHEREAS, William Patrick Finn served astutely as a controller with Knox Blox and St. Mary's Medical Center before founding his own firm, Finn & Rose CPA; Mr. Finn, after many years serving the needs of East Tennesseans, took a much-deserved retirement in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finn was a lifetime member of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and he served with great acumen on many committees of the Institute of Management Accountants and the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants; and

WHEREAS, a Life Master in bridge, the most highly sought after level of bridge achievement, William Patrick Finn has been listed in *Who's Who in America*; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his constancy of Catholic faith, William Patrick Finn was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, his family and friends will remember Mr. Finn's compassionate nature, as he often helped those less fortunate than himself; and

WHEREAS, William Patrick Finn was blessed with the loving companionship of his wife, Rebecca McElroy Finn, who preceded him in death in 2001; and

WHEREAS, an understanding, compassionate, and loving father, his memory will continue to inspire his two sons, Michael and Bill Finn; and

WHEREAS, William Patrick Finn is also survived by daughter-in-law Jane Finn, grandson Patrick Finn, sister-in-law Jennie K. McElroy, one niece, several nephews, and many special friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finn leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional veteran, businessman, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Patrick Finn, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character, his great ability as an accountant, his devotion to public service, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of William Patrick Finn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.